

JEAN ELIOT'S WEEKLY CHRONICLE OF CAPITAL SOCIETY

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working women of America to the foreign delegates to the congress.
The pageant will be put on in Central High School Auditorium on the evening of October 23, with the delegates from other countries as honor guests. The cast includes several hundred girls, representing every State in the Union and all departments of the Government service; and the spectacle will present in picture form the aims and discussions of the congress.

The list of patronesses includes: Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, Mrs. Robert Lansing, Mrs. Newton D. Baker, Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, Mrs. David Franklin Houston, Miss Agnes Hart Wilson, Mrs. William Hamilton Bayly, Mrs. Medill McCormick, Mrs. Raymond Robins, Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, Mrs. Charles D. Walcott, Mrs. A. W. Grant, Miss Mary Anderson, Mrs. Olive Davis.

Special Program
Navy Band Orchestra.
The Navy Band Orchestra is arranging a special musical program for the evening and will also furnish music for the dances, "Forest Spirits," "Minerals," "Winds and Waves," and "Youth and Play," which form part of the pageant theme.
Mrs. Corinne I. Lockman, director of the Government Recreation League, will take part of "The Heart of the Woman," Miss Margaretta Patterson,

Truth; Miss Ruth M. Parsons, Disaccord; Miss Dorothy E. Caldwell, Industry; Miss Elizabeth Demarest, Harmony; Miss Gladys MacRogers, Play; and Miss Era Betner, of the staff of the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A., who is directing the pageant, will present Commerce.

Mrs. Robins, president of the National Women's Trade Union League, has invited the delegates to the Y. W. C. A. national industrial conference, which is to be held here on October 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, to attend the sessions of the International Congress of Working Women, and many of them expect to do so. Some sixty-five women, delegates from industrial clubs throughout the country, are coming to attend the "Y" conference. On Friday evening, October 24, they will be guests at the Blue Triangle Recreation Center, Twentieth and B streets, for an informal reception, which will be followed by motion pictures on the terrace, dancing and games, that the delegates may have the opportunity of enjoying the weekly Friday night social gathering at the center.

Guests Sunday at Blue Triangle House.
The delegates who represent 30,000 women included in the industrial movement of the Y. W. C. A. and who have been elected by the girls in the clubs which they represent to come to this conference, will be guests on Sunday at the Blue Triangle House.

angle House at Silver Spring, the country house which the War Work Council of the Y. W. C. A. has been operating as a vacation home and week-end place for women war workers during the last eighteen months. This house is to be closed November 1.

Delegates to the conference, national secretaries of the Y. W. C. A., and Miss Florence Simms, executive of the national industrial department of the Y. W. C. A., will stop at the Powhatan during their stay in Washington.

The committee in charge of the ball for the benefit of Trinity Community House, of which Mrs. James Carroll Frazer is chairman, displayed considerable canniness in selecting Halloween, October 30, for their party. Everybody wants to be doing something that evening and then it's an undoubted advantage to have a benefit early in the season before the cream of society's enthusiasm is skimmed. The big ballroom at the Willard will be reserved for the dancing and the small ballroom for bridge, which latter, by the way, is included in the price of the tickets. Two hundred can be accommodated at the card tables, of which Mrs. Charles E. Howry is in charge, and this couple to take care of those who prefer cards to dancing. For the rest, there'll be coking music, the best to be had, and an excellent supper—and a ball a genuine success.

Another important ball for which the date has already been selected is the annual November dance of the Stonewall Jackson Chapter, U. D. G., which will be held at the Willard on November 15. Mrs. Charles Hamilton Ford is president of the chapter; Mrs. Benjamin Soule, Gamut, chairman of the floor committee, with Mrs. Frank Morrison as vice chairman, and William Bowie Clarke is chairman of the floor committee.

Navy Relief Ball on Thanksgiving Night.
As usual, the Navy Relief—The District Auxiliary of the Navy Relief Society, to be exact—has bespoken Thanksgiving night, November 27, for its ball; and this year the dance will be given in the ballroom of the Willard. Arrangements are in charge of a committee, of which Mrs. Albert T. Niblack, wife of Admiral Niblack, is chairman; and it is hoped that the dance will be the most successful ever given by the society.

The Serbian fête to be given in behalf of that appealing charity, Mme. Grouitch's Serbian children's aid, also has the advantage of an early date. Indeed, the matinee vaudeville performances at the Belasco Theater on Thursday and Friday afternoons and the cabaret and Hickson style show to be held in Wardman Park Hotel in the evenings may be regarded as the first salvo of artillery in the social campaign of the new season. The committee managing the benefit is an imposing one, the entertainment promises to be both original and excellent and apparently everybody "as anybody" is planning to be present at one time or another while the fête is in progress.

Large Attendance at Pen Women's Meeting.
The League of American Pen Women held its first regular meeting of the season last week—on Monday, I think it was—in its new clubhouse, 1722 H street, with the president, Mrs. Isaac Pearson, presiding. Quantities of flowers and open-gate fires gave a touch of cheerfulness to this home, which women writers, artists and musicians have established for themselves, and there was a large attendance of women engaged in literary and kindred pursuits.
Following the business meeting Mrs. Vernon Kellogg, the only woman who held an official position on the Belgian relief commission, made a little talk, giving personal reminiscences of the early days of the war and of the final evacuation of Belgium by the Germans. She also told of her association with Edith Cavell, and at the end of her speech an appeal was made for the contributions to the Edith Cavell-Marie De Pare memorial fund. In addition to the generous



MRS. JEROME BONAPARTE AND MRS. CRAIG BIDDLE
On the side lines at Hot Springs, Va. Mrs. Biddle is a Philadelphian.

sum raised, which will be turned in the name of the league, many members are active in the work of the committee. Indeed, its chairman, Mrs. Lars Anderson, to whose genius for organization the success of the drive largely is due, belongs to the Pen Women's League.

The campaign will be brought to a close on Wednesday with a meeting at Mrs. Anderson's residence and then final arrangements will be made for presenting the fund collected—there's over \$7,000 now in hand and every prospect of bringing the sum up to \$10,000 before Wednesday—to King Albert and Queen Elisabeth during their stay in Washington. The names of the Washington contributors to the fund will be inscribed in a book which will be presented with the fund and later placed in the hospital, which is to be built as a memorial to Miss Cavell and Mme. De Pare.

Mrs. Wilson and Marshalls in Drive.
The names of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall head the committee for the drive which includes also the Belgian ambassador and Baroness de Carter, the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, the Spanish Ambassador and Mme. de Riano, the Italian Ambassador and Countess di Cellere, Mrs. Newton D. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Anderson, Mrs. George Barnett and Miss Mabel Boardman.

Other members of the committee are: Mrs. Henry G. Chilton, Mrs. Champ Clark, Mrs. Henry C. Corbin, Mrs. William C. Coker, Mrs. Victor N. Cushman, Mrs. George Dewey, Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, Mrs. Fred T. Dubois, Mrs. William Albertson DuFay, Miss Helen A. Ernst, Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis, Mrs. Marshall Field, Mrs. William J. Fletcher, Jr., Miss Hilda Fletcher, Miss Maud Fletcher, Mrs. E. G. Fournier, Mrs. James Carroll Frazer, Mrs. Frederick H. Gillett, Mrs. Robert Glen, Mrs. Charles C. Glover, Mrs. Francis Adams Halstead, Mrs. Charles B. Henderson, Mrs. William Corcoran Hill, Miss Francis E. Hoar, Mrs. Herbert C. Hoover, Mrs. David Franklin Houston, Mrs. Howard Hume, Mrs. Vernon Kellogg, Mrs. Augustus Knight, Mrs. Franklin K. Lane, Mrs. Robert Lansing, Mrs. E. L. Lipp, Mrs. I. W. Little, Mrs. Breckenridge Long, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. Charles L. McCawley, Mrs. A. Garrison McClellan, Mrs. Edward B. McLean, Mrs. George M. McLean, Mrs. Charles Marsh, Mrs. James F. Mitchell, Mrs. William Mitchell, Miss Gertrude W. Myer, Mrs. Truman H. Newberry, Mrs. Albert F. Niblack, Mrs. Frank B. Noyes, Mrs. A. Mitchell Palmer, the Misses Patten, Mrs. Isaac Pearson, Mrs. William Phillips, Mrs. Mahlon Pittier, Miss Marie Redfem, Mrs. Susie Root, Mrs. William McClellan Ritter, Mrs. John F. Rodgers, Mrs. Henry H. Rogers, Mrs. Albert B. Rudwick, Mrs. Thomas Ryan, Mrs. Florence A. Stoddard, Mrs. James P. Story, Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, Mrs. Richard H. Townsend, Mrs. John Van Schaleck, Mrs. Francis E. Warren, Mrs. Walter A. Wells, Mrs. Edward Douglas Wilbur, and Mrs. William Mason Wright.

Short Story Writing Course Is Planned.
The league has all sorts of plans for a brilliant and active season and one thing which sounds interesting to me is the course in short story writing which is to be inaugurated. Classes to be held in the club rooms every Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock. The course will be conducted by Mrs. Harriette Gunn Robertson, author, Chautauque lecturer and president of the National Correspondence School of Salable Short Story Writing, and will be under the auspices of the league and for the benefit of the club house fund. However, classes will not be confined to league members, and both men and women may attend. Information as to how to the course may be obtained from Mrs. J. Cunningham, chairman short story classes, at the league headquarters.

Appropos of clubs and classes I'm minded to tell you a little bit about the club which Mile. Reuthé is organizing. It is a small informal social club. Officers who have learned to speak French overseas and who are anxious to keep it up, and it is to meet on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock in Mile. Reuthé's studio in the Richmond Hotel. French newspapers will be read, also modern French plays; politics will be discussed and an effort will be made to keep the conversational ball rolling and to induce everybody present to contribute something to the discussion. Don't you think the idea is a good one?

Mile. Reuthé is a Parisian, a graduate of Paris University, and has been living in the United States since shortly after the war broke out, engaged as French military instructor to American officers and soldiers going overseas. And now she has established her studio at the Richmond and gives private lessons and has classes for children and grown-ups. Her family lives in Paris and she went home twice for short visits during the war.

New Invasion of American Begins.
A new invasion of America has begun. During the war a veritable army of statesmen, soldiers, sailors, scientists and what not came over as members of various missions and commissions. And now the lecturers are coming, writers, dramatists, painters, all sorts and conditions of men—

and women—from the four corners of the earth, and each with a tale to tell or a moral to drive home. And most of them will find their way to Washington sooner or later.

Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian poet and dramatist, is coming in January to attend the premiere of his opera—at least the book is his—"The Bluebird," which is to be produced by the Metropolitan Opera Company; and this accomplished, he will lecture throughout the country, his subject being "The Unknown Shore."

Ruth Waple and Lieut. Coningsby Dawson, two of the most brilliant of present-day British novelists, are already here, and both are to start shortly on lecture tours. Mr. Waple's latest novel, "The Secret City," is being much discussed, and is regarded as one of the best books of the year. And, of course, you remember his "The Green Mirror," "The Duchess of Wroth" and "The Dark Forest." As for Coningsby Dawson, his "Garden Without Walls" is, I think, one of the most delightful books I ever read, and his war book, "Out to Win," "The Glory of the Trenches" and "Carry On," have won him a new place in literature. He is not to talk about literature, however, but about "Remembering the World," telling what he has learned from Ger-

many, revisited since the signing of the armistice.
The great Spanish writer, Dantes-Vicente Blasco Ibañez—whose "The War" Horsemen of the Apocalypse" is generally regarded as THE book of the war, is also coming to this country.
He will tell us "How I Write My Novels" and will talk as well on "The Spirit of the Four Horsemen" and "The America We Know," a reconstruction lecture. This will be his first trip to the United States. He's been in November, so we've not much more than time to read up on his "Marb Nostrum," "Blood and Sand," "The Shadow of the Cathedral," and others of his books, which are said to be almost as brilliant as the "Four Horsemen."

Lord Dunsany, William Butler Yeats, and St. John Irvine—there you have a trio of poetic dramatists who will certainly be worth listening to. They are all Irish, and one at least—Mr. Irvine—will have something to say on the Irish question. The three talks he will give are dubbed "Solving the Irish Question," "My Own Works," and "Impressions of My Elders." He's a novelist as well as a dramatist, witness his "Changing Winds"; and he was badly wounded during the war. He's due to arrive in January.

Lord Dunsany, who is coming for a two months' lecture tour, will be accompanied by Lady Dunsany. His title is one of the oldest in Ireland and in Great Britain, he being the eighteenth holder of the baronetcy created in 1693. And he has contributed to the stage several of the most poetic and stirring dramas of modern times, such plays as "The Gods of the Mountain" and "A Night at an Inn," which are literature as well as corking drama. To the reading world he's the third of the great trilogy of dramatists of the Irish renaissance, Yeats and J. M. Synge being the other two.

Lord Dunsany, by the way, is to lecture here at the Shubert-Garrick Theater on "My Own Lands," the imaginary countries of his writings. Mr. Yeats has already made one American tour and on his second visit in February will travel as far as the Pacific coast. He is a poet as well as a playwright and knows well how to express the true Irish temperament. Siegfried Sassoon, a poet whose star has lately risen, is also about to pay us a visit; and Yone Noguchi, Japan's foremost poet, is coming in November. He's already well known in this country, having spent many years in America. He is professor of English literature in the Keio University, Tokyo. Writing both in his native language and in English, he has done much to prove "the poetic

capabilities of English words to serve Japanese poetic ideals." His lecture subjects will be "Japan Today," "East and West in Literature and Life," and "Japanese Poetry."
Mrs. Hoard, Frances-Wilson Hoard, who by lecturing has raised funds enough to support a hospital for wounded soldiers in Paris, is coming over again, this time to speak on "America from the French Point of View" and "The French Women," and will arrive some time in January. She's an American woman, you know, the daughter of the late Francis Wilson, the comedian; and when she wrote "My Home in the Field of Honor," she did a great deal to bring home to American women the realization of what the war meant.

The list of lecturers soon to visit this country also includes Lieut. Sir Arthur Wiltshire Brown, who made the trans-Atlantic flight with Alcock and will tell us all about it; Colonel Arthur Lynch, who will speak with authority on "The Irish Question"; D. Thomas Curtin, Lord Northcliffe's ablest correspondent, who has been studying the danger spots of Europe, and Ben Tillett, M. P., a labor leader. Mr. Curtin, who is an American, recently in Germany for three years, sending out dispatches telling of true conditions there and he is the author of "The Land of Deepening Shadow" and the "Edge of the Quickened." He will lecture on "The New Trenches of Europe: Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, and the Balkans."

Faithfully yours,
JEAN ELIOT.

SEEK TO SETTLE EQUALITY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Desiring to receive from men and women of the Presbyterian Church their opinions on the question whether women shall have equal rights with men in all the functions of membership in the church, the Rev. Dr. H. H. Young, who was appointed chairman of a committee by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, has sent requests to the churches throughout the country to answer the following three questions:

1. Whether women shall be ordained to the eldership.
 2. Whether women shall be ordained to the ministry of the church.
 3. Whether women shall have the same rights as men in the sessions of presbyteries, synods, and assemblies of the church.
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